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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1960.

The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of the population again shows an increase and the number of births was above that of deaths.

No deaths resulted from any of the notifiable diseases which, in any case, were very few.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and the encouragement they have given and to thank the Clerk, Mr. H.R. Woolvett, and the Public Health Inspector, Mr. J.D. Mitchell, for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,
Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,

August, 1961. Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year

1. General Statistics.

Population (1951 Census)	3089. Area 4,317 acres.
Population Registrar General's Estimate 1960	3310 (3300)
Rateable Value	£32401 at 31.3.61 (£32451)
Number of inhabited houses	1173(1183)

Sum represented by a penny rate: £127. 14. 2. for financial year ended 31.3.61.

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	47(53)	19(27)	28(26)
Illegitimate	1(1)	1(-)	-(1)
	48(54)	20(27)	28(27)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population (Crude) 14.5 (16.4)
(Adjusted) 15.7 (17.7)
Population England and Wales 17.1 (16.5)

STILL BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	-(2)	-(1)	- (1)
Illegitimate	-(-)	-(-)	- (-)
	-(2)	-(1)	- (1)

Still Birth Rate per 1000 live and still births 0 (31.2)
Still birth rate in England and Wales 19.7 (20.7)
Illegitimate birth rate 2.0% (1.4%)

DEATHS - as registered in 1960. Death Rate (Crude) 9.4 (9.4)
" " (Adjusted) 8.8 (8.8)
in England and Wales 11.5 (11.6)

Total - all causes 31 (31) 16 (10) Male 15 (21) Female

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

(a)	Sepsis	Nil
(b)	Other causes	Nil

Section A continued

DEATHS continued

	Total	Male	Female
Death of infants under one year	- (1)	-(1)	- (-)
" " " " four weeks	- (-)	-(-)	- (-)
	- (1)	-(1)	- (-)

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births - (15.6)
" " " " " " " - legitimate - (15.6)
" " " " " " " - illegitimate Nil
Neo-Natal " " " " " " Nil
Maternal mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births - Nil

Deaths calssified according to causes	Total	Male	Female
Deaths from cancer (all types)	3(3)	2(2)	1 (1)
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	6(10)	1(2)	5 (8)
Heart Disease (all types)	14(7)	7(-)	7 (7)
Pneumonia	1(1)	1(-)	- (1)
Bronchitis	4(1)	3(1)	1 (-)
Other Respiratory Diseases	-(2)	-(-)	- (2)
Nephritis	-(1)	-(-)	- (1)
Other defined or ill defined diseases	2(1)	1(1)	1 (-)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-(-)	-(-)	- (-)
All other accidents	1(1)	1(-)	- (1)
Suicide	-(1)	-(1)	- (-)
Homicide	-(1)	-(1)	- (-)
Tuberculosis	-(-)	-(-)	- (-)
Hyperplasisa of Prostate	-(1)	-(1)	- (-)
Congenial Malformation	-(1)	-(1)	- (-)
	31(31)	16(10)	15 (21)

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - Cases notified.

Diseases	Number Notified Total	Male	Female	Deaths
Measles	5	3	2	Nil(Nil)
Scarlet Fever	3	1	2	" "
	8	4	4	

SECTION C

1. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer (Part-time) G.P. Barclay,M.B.,Ch.B.D.P.H.
One Public Health Inspector (Part-time) J.D. Mitchell, A.R.S.H.,M.A.P.H.I.

2. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre, in the town, held at 2.0 p.m. on alternate Mondays at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a part-time Health Visitor.

SECTION D

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this Section of the Act.

SECTION E

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The piped water supply remained reasonably satisfactory during the year but again several complaints were received relating to properties in the fringe areas that insufficient water was available for domestic purposes, at peak demand periods during the summer months.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have completed the survey and finalised the joint water scheme with Cosford Rural District Council following which, it can be assumed that, subject to Ministerial approval, work will commence sometime during 1961.

Twelve bacteriological examination and one sample for chemical analysis were taken from a private well, the former showing B. Coli per 100 m.l. more than 180, and the latter a high nitrate content of 41 parts per million. Arrangements were made with the farmer concerned to connect to the public main.

Sewage Disposal.

The standard of effluent has again continued to be unsatisfactory due to the heavy overload at the works.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have continued their work in preparation for the proposed scheme; the original scheme now having been further extended in view of the Council's policy on Town Development.

Instructions have also been given to the Consultants to carry out a complete survey of the town's piped sewerage system, due again to heavy overloading during peak and storm periods and river infiltration along certain lengths of the piped sewer.

Cleansing Services.

The collection of house and trade refuse by private contract has been discontinued and replaced by a direct labour scheme.

The Council have purchased one 8-10 cu. yard side-loading refuse freighter and, with a team of two men, have continued to maintain a satisfactory weekly collection.

In conjunction with the commencement of direct labour, a municipal owned dustbin scheme has been introduced and has proved highly successful in that it facilitates actual collection in both time and convenience.

Arrangements have been made with the previous contractor for continued use of the existing refuse tip in combination with Cosford Rural District Council, and it is expected that, during the ensuing year a suitable form of controlled tipping will commence.

An adequate street scavenging service has been maintained.

SECTION F.

Public Health and Housing Acts.

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts.

Number of houses inspected for defects	12
Subsequent inspection of those houses	21
Houses rendered fit by informal action	4
Houses rendered fit by Statutory action	2
Houses found to be totally unfit	1
Demolition Orders	-
Closing Orders	1
Undertakings from owners not to relet	-
Houses purchased by Local Authority for site clearance	1
Improvement Grants	9
New houses erected by Local Authority:	
Traditional - 2 bedroomed	-
Traditional - 3 bedroomed	-
Number of Council-houses purchased by tenants	3
Number of houses purchased by Local Authority	1
Total number of post war houses	274
Total number of pre war houses	78

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936.

S. 93. Informal notices issued	5
S. 93. Informal notices complied with	5
S. 93. Statutory notices issued	nil

SECTION G.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(i) Meat Inspection.

Plans have been submitted and work is at present being carried out to provide a second private slaughterhouse within the district.

Number of registered slaughterhouses	1
Number of visits to slaughterhouse	102

Carcases inspected during the year:

Calves	Cows	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Total
10	-	79	175	66	330

Diseased conditions found -

(a) Tuberculosis:-

6 Pigs' heads
5 Pigs' mesenteries.

(b) Other diseases:-

4 Beasts' livers
1 Beast's head and tongue
1 Beast's skirt.

(ii) Other Food Inspection.

The standard of cleanliness both in persons and premises has remained very satisfactory, but unfortunately the pressure of other duties within the department has been such that fewer premises have been visited during the year, and sampling of ice-cream and milk has not been carried out.

(a) Registrations

Number of milk purveyors on register	3
Number of milk dealers licences (T.T.)	1
Number of supplementary licences (T.T. milk)	1
Number of supplementary licences (pastuerised)	2
Number of Dealer's licences (Sterilised)	1
Number of Ice-cream retailers on register	18
Number of licences for preserved meat and other foods	8

(b) Visits to food premises

Dairies	2
Bakehouses	3
Fishmongers	4
Butchers	12
Cafes	4
Slaughterhouses	102
Other Food Shops	24
	151

(c) Samples

(a) Milk

Nil

(b) Ice-cream

Nil

(d) Other Food Condemned

	Weight
1 Tin Peaches @ 1 lb. 14 ozs.	1 lb. 14 ozs.
3 Tins Brisket Beef @ 4 lbs.	12 lbs. - ozs.
2 " Corned Beef @ 6 lbs.	12 lbs. - ozs.
1 Tin Cooked Ham @ 7 lbs.	7 lbs. - ozs.
2 Tins Ox tongues @ 6 lbs.	12 lbs. - ozs.
2 " " " @ 2 lbs.	4 lbs. - ozs.
2 " Corned Beef @ 7 ozs.	14 ozs.
2 " Peas @ 1 lb, 13 ozs.	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
1 Tin Peaches @ 14 ozs.	14 ozs.
1 Tin Tomatoes @ 2 lbs, 3 ozs.	2 lbs. 3 ozs.
1 " Fruit Salad @ 1 lb.	1 lb. - ozs.
1 " Cherries @ 15 ozs.	15 ozs.
3 Tins Apricots @ 15 ozs.	2 lbs. 13 ozs.
5 " Pineapple @ 12 ozs.	3 lbs. 12 ozs.
	64 lbs. 15 ozs.

SECTION H.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS Continued.

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
B/f	2	1	-
Premises			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	20	-
	36	21	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)			
(a) Insufficient	-	1	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-
	-	1	1

3. Outwork - 2

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

Investigations of complaints	240
Reinspections	112
Drainage tests and inspections	17
Housing Acts	12
Public Health Acts	28
Water Supplies	53
Sewage Works	70
Septic Tanks and cesspools	6
Watercourses	12
Public Conveniences	52
Petroleum Regulations	20
Vermin	11
Keeping of Animals	16
Moveable Dwellings	5
Miscellaneous	165
Building Byelaws	370
	1189